As a part of formulation of these schemes, the Board may decide to hand over any public sector enterprise to the viable cooperative societies constituted by the employees of that enterprise.

Urban Development Projects in Karnataka

3304. Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether some urban development projects of Karnataka are pending with the Ministry for clearance;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which these are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Industrial Units Closed in Karnataka

3305. SHRI S. B. SIDNAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the names and locations of the industrial units which are lying closed in Karnataka;

(b) since when these are lying closed and the reasons therefor;

(c) the efforts made to revive them and the results achieved therefrom;

(d) the time by which these units are likely to be revived; and

(e) the number of employees and the labourers rendered unemployed due to the closure of these units and the manner in which they are earning their livelihood?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) Reserve Bank of India collects data on sick units in the small scale (SSI) sector and Non-SSI sector, and data on sick/weak units lying closed in the Non-SSI sector only. 8,318 units in the small scale sector and 77 units in the Non-Small Scale sector were sick as at the end of September, 1989 in the State of Karnataka. 57 sick/weak units in the Non-Small Scale Sector were lying closed in the State of Karnataka as at the end of September, 1989.

(b) A number of causes, both external and internal are responsible for industrial sickness. The major causes, as reported by the banks, related to marketing, financial, labour, management and production problems and to external factors like power shortage, demand recession and natural calamities.

(c) Our of 8318 sick units in the small sector, 548 units were found to be potentially viable and 7359 units non-viable. Viability in respect of 411 units is yet to be decided. Out of 548 potentially viable sick units in the small sector, 422 units were put under nursing programme as at the end of September, 1989. Out of 77 sick units in the non-small scale sector, 14 units were put under nursing programme as at the end of September, 1989.

(d) No time-frame within which the viable units could be revived can be indicated.

(e) Such data are not centrally maintained.

Warehouses in Karnataka

3306. SHRI S.B. SIDNAL: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the number of warehouses under operation in Karnataka;

(b) whether the Government have any proposal to set up more warehouses in Karnataka during 1991-92; and

(c) if so, the names of the places where the warehouses are proposed to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) The two main Central agencies, namely, Food Corporation of India and Central Warehousing Corporation are together operating 74 godowns/warehouses in Karnataka.

(b) and (c). new godowns/warehouses are likely to be set up at Gulberga and Gadag during 1991-92

Reorganisation of Department of Electronics

3307. SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Electronics is likely to be reorganised due to liberalisation of industrial and trade policies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether during the process of revamping some sections of the department concerned with the industrial core sector are likely to be handed over to the Private Sector; and

(d) if so, the facts thereof?

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b). No, sir, However, officials engaged in licensing activities would be suitably re-deployed in promotional activities as envisaged in the new Industrial and Trade policies.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Public Grievances and Pension Complaints

3308. PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of complaints of public grievances and pensions received by the Government during each of the last three years;

(b) the number of complaints disposed of; and

(c) the steps taken to dispose of the remaining complaints expeditiously?

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) (a) to (c). According to information collected from various ministries, departments and other organisations of Government, more than 12 lakhs public grievances including those relating to pensions were received during each of the two years, 1987-88 and 1988-89. During the year 1989-90, more than 5 lakh grievances were received. Out of the total number of grievances received during these 3 years, more than 25 lakhs have been disposed of Grievances pertain to a wide variety of work of Government being performed by a large number of units in different parts of the country. Broad guidelines relating to the institutional set-up and procedure for speedily attending to public grievances have been issued from time to time by the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances. But specific action has to be taken by each individual